



S. N. Br. Mícheál Ó Cléirigh

Creevy N.S.



Eanáir/Feabhra 2017

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• Dates for the Diary

Midterm break: Feb 20- 24th, school reopens Monday Feb 27th

First Confession: Mar 6th

Parent Association Bingo - Mar 12th

School closed Friday Mar 17th for St. Patrick's Day.

Easter Holidays: School closes Friday Apr 7th at 3.10. Reopens Monday Apr 24th.

School closed Monday May 1st

Confirmation: Sunday May 7th

First Holy Communion: May 20th

The full calendar is available on the school website.

• Catholic Schools Week - Theme celebrating 'Our Common Home'

Grandparents' Day: Prayer Service and Celebration in the School Hall, 11.30am Friday Feb 3rd.

• Creevy N.S. Open Day for incoming pupils February 9th 2.30-3.30 and 6-7pm.

• Coláiste Cholmcille Open Day for 6th class pupils February 7th.

• Donegal County Council Scéim Scoláireachta 2017 - information on the Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme is available from Mary in the office.

A Chairde,

Belated Happy New Year to all the Creevy N.S. families. I hope 2017 is kind to us all. At this point, half way through the school year, we are well settled back into our work and are starting to engage in mid-year reviews in the senior classes 3rd-6th. The mid-year review involves each pupil reflecting on how they are getting on, completing a self assessment form. After this aspect of self reflection, the pupil will meet with Ms. Kelly and their teacher and discuss their work and goals for the remainder of the school year. The children will bring home their review form for parents to read and discuss.

This week we celebrate Catholic schools' week. Each day we re-

flect on the theme 'Our Common Home' and consider how we can make the world a better place for everyone, an apt theme in light of recent world events. The week concludes with a special celebration for grandparents, to acknowledge the important role that grandparents play in school and family life. On this day we will also remember the grandparents that cannot be present, those who may be sick, living away and those who have died. If children wish they may bring in a memory card/picture of their grandparents that have passed away and we will light a candle in their memory at the start of our celebration.

Le gach dea-ghuí, A Kelly

Road Safety

Road Safety around the school is fast becoming an area of concern for the whole school community. The Board of Management of the school has contacted Donegal County Council and requested that the Council

- consider traffic calming measures around the school
- improve road signage in the vicinity of the school
- repair the flashing warning lights system.

Traffic can travel at speed past the school which can make it difficult for cars to pull in and exit safely. We ask parents and guardians to exercise extreme caution when bringing their children to and from school. In particular please remember:

- No child should cross the road on their own, going to or from a parked car.
- We ask that younger children are accompanied to the gates of the school by an adult. Smaller children are very difficult to see when parking or reversing and there have been some incidents of close encounters reported.

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GAA - All classes enjoyed football coaching before the Christmas break. Thank you to Brian Roper from the Donegal County Board. Aodh Ruadh coach, Stephen McGurn will be providing additional coaching to a select number of classes over the coming weeks on a Thursday afternoon.

Snámh - Second class and third class children begin swimming this week for an eight week period. They will be accompanied each week by their class teachers and a rota of parent volunteers. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with supervision and provided their details for Garda Vetting.

Basketball - Javi the local basketball coach is hoping to join us this term for some basketball.

Creedy Swimmers - Our Junior Boys Relay Team, who won Gold at the Ulster Schools Swimming Final, and other individual swimmers, take part in the All Ireland Schools Swimming Finals in the National Aquatic Centre on February 12th. The relay team is made up of James Monaghan, Caolan McCauley, Darragh Summerville and Alan Vaughan. James, Darragh, Alan and Lauren Foy also participate in individual events at the finals. Best of luck to all the girls and boys and thank you to all the pupils, parents and the Marlins who put a lot of work into preparing for the competition. Thank you also to Ms. Summerville for coordinating this event in school.

Active Flag - This year we are working towards an Active flag. The aim of the Active Flag programme is to encourage schools, pupils and families to reflect on the level of movement and activity in their daily lives. In school we have reflected on our Physical Education programme, the amount of physical activity that occurs throughout the day and our partnerships with the local sporting community. While we rated quite highly on all these elements we have been thinking of additional ways we can encourage even greater degrees of activity. Some classes are incorporating movement breaks between lessons, other classes are doing some movement homework, drawing on the ideas from the Supertroopers Journal and some classes are trying out new types of sports. We hope the children enjoy all the activity and learn the importance of daily exercise and the benefit of exercise for both body and mind.

Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) - The Stay Safe programme is being taught in all classes over the next two months to Easter as part of the SPHE curriculum. This programme seeks to reduce children's vulnerability to abuse and bullying by teaching children skills and strategies for dealing with potentially unsafe situations. Your child may come home with a homework sheet in this area, which we encourage you to discuss with your child.

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School opening times - Just a gentle reminder, the school is opened from 9.30am - 3.10pm (2.10 for infants) each day. Children should not arrive on the school premises before 9.20am. There is no supervision before 9.20am. On rainy days we open the school from 9.20am and the children can wait outside their classrooms until school starts at 9.30am.

Attendance - If your child is absent from school for any reason, please remember to send a written note in your child's homework journal or folder. Thank you.

Enrolment for September 2017 - We are now taking enrolment for September 2017. If you have a child due to start school in September, please ensure you complete the registration form and send it to the office with a birth/baptismal certificate. You can download the registration form from the school website www.creevyins.com or contact Mary in the office for a copy of the form.

Open Day - There is an open day for all prospective pupils and families on Thursday, February 9th from 2.30-3.30 and in the evening from 6-7 pm. All welcome.

Parents' Association - Bingo will take place on Sunday, March 12th at 3pm in The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. This will be our main fundraiser this year and we ask as many families as possible to support it. If you or your business wish to donate any prizes for the Bingo please drop them into Mary in the office who will ensure they get passed on to the Parent Association. The PA are meeting in Dicey Reillys on Friday February 3rd at 8pm to organise the Bingo.

In-Class Support - We have five Learning Support and Resource teachers supporting the pupils in the school. These teachers offer additional support both outside the classroom in the support rooms or in-class, providing additional support to small groups and individuals in collaboration with the class teacher. Some of additional supports in place include Junior and Senior Infants Literacy intervention, 1st class and 2nd class Maths intervention, 4th and 5th in-class maths support.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme - JEP is ongoing in 6th class. The class have decided on their big idea - a virtual reality headset - which they are getting ready to market around the school. Through this project the children gain experience of business and the hard work it entails. They learn about research, design, production, budgeting, marketing, finances and sales. Thank you to two parents Ramona Nicholas and Rossa Danagher who visited the class to discuss their experience of business and advise the children on their project. Two key messages stand out from their visits, the importance of setting goals or targets and working hard to reach these goals.